

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, March 13, 2006

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Dave Marcotte

Kurt Schatz, Chairman Al Gerew

Alice Lavigne Nancy Binns-Town Council Liaison

Juliette Lopez

Guest: -----

Absent: Al Low and Al Musso

Excused: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chairman, at the Burrillville Town Hall.

Minutes of February 13, 2006 Regular Meeting were accepted. Motion to accept made by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez. Motion passed 4-0.

Good and Welfare:

The Director reported that she sat for her C.P.R.P. exam on March 17, 2006 and passed receiving this national certification.

In 2003 Al Low received the Steamer Ricci volunteer award. This year David Marcotte has been named the 2006 recipient of the “Steamer Ricci” volunteer award. The award will be given to David at a luncheon on April 3, 2006 at the New England Training Institute. The Director reviewed the history of the award and David’s qualifications.

Correspondence:

None

Old Business: The Director reported:

NYSCA

The next training is scheduled for March 23, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Binn’s Building in preparation for the upcoming Little League and Softball season. The flyers were shared with the commission members.

Spring Lake Campground-D.E.M. Extension

The Director reported that an extension letter was received from the Department of Environmental Management for the Spring Lake Beach Campground project. The Department of Public Works employees are currently assisting with the new fence. If money is available

second fence will be placed at the top entrance off Spring Lake Road.

DEM Grant Application

The RRRC Committee, who reviews the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management grant applications, has been meeting. The Director is a member of the committee but will not be voting on Burrillville's grant requests. The bid specs for the Branch River Track resurfacing project will be prepared to assist in the completion by the Relay for Life event scheduled to begin on June 23, 2006.

Easter Egg Hunt

Flyers were distributed to the commission members for the Saturday, April 8th event.

Family Fair

Flyers were distributed to the commission members for the Saturday, May 13th event.

Banners

The new Bicentennial banners have replaced the "Burrillville the Place to Be" banners on the Pascoag Utility poles. National Grid has

sent a denial to replace the banners on their poles. Alice Lavigne reported the Bicentennial banners being placed on the National Grid poles recently.

Relay for Life

Meetings for the upcoming Relay for Life scheduled for June 23rd and 24th are ongoing. Recreation Commission member Juliette Lopez has volunteered to be the Recruitment Chairperson. Permission has been granted by the Zoning Board for a five year renewal of the event.

The Burrillville Extended Care co-directors are chairing the entertainment portion of this year's event. Donations can be accepted online this year.

Blockbooking

Scheduling for the upcoming Summer Concert series held on the Town Common and the Spring Lake Beach has been completed. Schedules will be distributed at the April Recreation Commission meeting.

Safe Sitter

The one day Safe Sitter class was held during February vacation at the Burrillville Middle School. The class was almost not held due to well problems at the school but the problem was solved just in time.

New Business:

Fireworks

On March 14, 2006 the Director will be meeting a representative from Telstar Fireworks Company regarding the possibility of having fireworks for the 4th of July at the Spring Lake Beach facility in celebration of Burrillville's Bicentennial. Atlas Fireworks gave a quote of \$10,000. Bordering towns have been contacted to investigate their companies and prices they utilize for fireworks.

Assembly Concert

James Howard of Marshall Entertainment would like to bring country singer Jamie O'Neil to the Assembly Theatre the end of April at a cost of \$15,000. The Director has booked the Assembly Theatre for the event. He is currently seeking corporate sponsorship to avoid charging \$60 per ticket for the event. The Director recommended charging \$30 per ticket to attract sales. In the future he would like to book such country music acts as Little Big Town and Carrey Underwood. David Marcotte recommended the use of the Burrillville High School auditorium to allow for more seating and parking.

Blackstone Canoe Trail

Blackstone Valley Tourism had sent a letter to the communities along

the corridor requesting their participation in the Blackstone Canoe Trail by purchasing a canoe to display at their place of business as part of their program. The Parks & Recreation Department is partnering with Ocean State Power to purchase a canoe to be displayed at the Spring Lake Beach Facility. The Director met with the Burrillville High School Technology Department Head Chuck Boucher for his student's assistance with the artwork. The artwork would include Ocean State Power, Spring Lake Beach and a flag representing the Burrillville Bicentennial. The program includes a competition where whomever gets their picture with the most canoes within the corridor would win a canoe.

Blackstone "Keep America Beautiful"

The Director met with Bob Billington of the Blackstone Valley Tourism to introduce the Keep America Beautiful program, which would involve the organization of programming to contribute to the event.

One on One Basketball

A new program being offered through the department for after school children is One on One Basketball. The program will be held each Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for eight weeks for \$56 at Steere Farm Elementary School beginning April 5, 2006.

Since the previous basketball clinic offered by Skyhawks is not

available this year, summer weeklong basketball clinic is also being planned through One on One Basketball for ages 7 to 13.

Monthly Calendar

The March monthly Recreation Program calendar was shared with the commission members.

Al Gerew questioned if the Broadway Bound summer program would take place again this summer. The instructor has not contacted the department as of yet.

Juliette Lopez has asked about the installation on the new Recreation Center sign. The scheduling for the installation by the Department of Public Works is still being worked on.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Juliette Lopez. Seconded by Al Low. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2006 6:30p.m., Town Council Chambers.

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